

Dear Parents/ Carers,

25th August 2022

Re: GCSE outcomes 2022

I am pleased to report that our students are celebrating a very strong set of GCSE outcomes.

- 48% of all grades achieved were at grade 7 (the 'old' grade A) or above, with 1 in 5 of all grades being at grade 9.
- 51% of the students achieved 5 or more grade 7s.
- 72% of students achieved a grade 5 (a strong pass) in both English and Maths.
- 92% of students achieved a grade 4 or better in English, and 88% achieved a grade 4 or better in Maths.
- In Science, 48% of students achieved a grade 7 or better, with 40% of students achieving a grade 8 or 9.
- 20 students achieved at least five grade 9s.

The results are a testament to the huge amount of work that each student has put in across a challenging few years. The Covid pandemic meant that most of the students were deprived of in school face-to-face lessons during Year 9 and for part of Year 10. The students' resilience in the face of this adversity is evidenced by their exam outcomes.

This can be considered a 'transition year' between 2021 (when assessment was done directly by schools and colleges) and 2019 (the last year exams took place). This means that nationally overall grades will be about halfway between the two in terms of the percentage of grades awarded at each level. It does **not** mean that marking was harsher – the marking was done by exam boards in the usual way. Instead, it means that when setting the grade boundaries, exam boards have been more generous than in a normal year to bring grades closer to 2021 levels.

Marking and grading are done at a national level, with all students across the country being treated the same way. It is an illustration of how well the students have performed, that not only have this year's results significantly surpassed the 2019 results, but they have also surpassed the 2021 results.

Taking everything into account, we are delighted for what all of our students have achieved in their GCSEs. These results are a consequence of the hard work and courage with which our students have faced the challenges of the last few years. They also are a consequence of the commitment of the whole school community to supporting our students to do their very best; their teachers, their parents and carers, and all of the other individuals and organisations who support our students and the school.

I am sure that the character that the students have developed and displayed through this period will serve them well as they embark upon the next stage of their lives.

Kind regards,

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